

SILVER BILL SNARL
May Possibly Be the Means of Forcing an Extra Session of Congress.
A FREE COINAGE RIDER
To an Appropriation Bill Will Lead to Retaliation, and
THUS BRING THINGS TO A HEAD.
A Force Bill Rider Will Be Used as a Counter-Irritant.

OLD SENATORS ON CAMERON'S TRAIL

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—While there is certainly no desire on the part of the President for an extra session, and the details at the White House of any such intention are perfectly accurate up to this time, one of the nearest friends of the President assured the correspondent of THE DISPATCH today that that official fully expected from the present trend of affairs he would be forced to issue the very objectionable proclamation at the close of this term, convening the new Congress at once.

This would be necessary, not on account of any impossibility of getting through the appropriation bills in themselves, but because of the snarl over the silver bill, which, as things look now, is almost certain to result in a new attempt to force a free coinage rider on some appropriation bill, and that the stalwart Republicans of the Senate, who are nearly all opposed to free coinage, would retaliate with a force bill rider on the same or another appropriation bill. It was thought that the free coinage rider scheme had been abandoned after the vote of Friday, but investigation today among members of Congress brings to light a growing conviction that this will be the only way out of the situation.

Senators Prepared to Retaliate.

It is asserted that the stalwart Senators will in no case attempt to put an election bill rider on an appropriation bill unless the silver extremists play a similar trick with a free coinage rider, and then more for the purpose of forcing such a rider on the free coinage bill. It is also asserted that any hope of passing an election bill, but even this is by no means certain. There are many things to consider in the view of the matter taken by those who look for an election session, which do not seem to have occurred to many of the prophets.

Speaker Reed might, and probably would, rule a free coinage rider out of order on an appropriation bill, but he would not do so if the rider were on a free coinage bill, because it would be germane, or because it would be new legislation; and it is not probable that an appeal from such a ruling would be sustained. It might even result in a session of the House in the spring, as he delights in stirring up the Democrats, and would not be intimidated by the tremendous row that would surely result from such a refusal.

A Deal Would Be Necessary.

Should the Democrats of the House succeed in getting a free coinage rider attached to an appropriation bill and the Republicans retaliate with an election bill rider, the free coinage rider would be accepted by the Senate, while the election bill rider would not, unless some deal were made similar to that which defeated the closure rule. The Senate would then be in a position to pass the free coinage rider, and the House would have to run the gauntlet of a Presidential veto, in which the negative, under substantial precedent, could take out one rider and leave that other which has been the fear and dismay of every Democrat in and out of Congress since it was first proposed.

Would Like to Fix Cameron.

There is one contingency in which an election bill rider may be proposed for other reasons than a counter-irritant. More than a few of the old Republicans of the Senate would like to smoke out Senator Cameron and make him show his hand, in the light of the resolution passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature and vetoed by the Democratic Governor. They still have a very bitter feeling for the young Senator, believing that he also was the cause of the bill of the election bill, and they have a desire to put him directly on record in the matter.

Even if the attempt at a free coinage rider be not renewed, or if the Republicans fail to try the election bill scheme in a new way, it is thought that the bad blood and confusion resulting from the complication, the bitterness in the delay of the free coinage rider, and the veto of the Pennsylvania Legislature and the veto of the Democratic Governor. They still have a very bitter feeling for the young Senator, believing that he also was the cause of the bill of the election bill, and they have a desire to put him directly on record in the matter.

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HIS FAITH SHATTERED.

A FORTUNE TELLER WHO MADE A VERY GRIEVOUS FORECAST.

Congressman Grimes Consults the Oracle About His Public Building Bill—Her Answer Fills Him With Joy, but the President's Paralysis Him.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Mr. Grimes, of Georgia, is a popular, eloquent, successful and unassuming member of the House. He was defeated last fall by a man unheard of until the Farmer's Alliance took him up. In the Pittsburg Congress Mr. Grimes has a bill passed, appropriating \$100,000 for a public building in Columbus, Ga. The bill reached the White House on Feb. 7, and was vetoed by the President. Mr. Grimes has a bill passed, appropriating \$100,000 for a public building in Columbus, Ga. The bill reached the White House on Feb. 7, and was vetoed by the President.

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building he imagined he saw the Columbus Postoffice. Then the clairvoyant branched out into a pretty broadside of the Crole type he would soon meet, and with whom he would become fascinated. The admiration would be mutual and without any further words would be married. There was a moment's silence. Then, with a look of expectation, and an attempt at a smile, Mr. Grimes asked his first direct question: "Will the resident sign my public building bill?" The clairvoyant, covering her face with her hands, remained silent for awhile. Finally she jumped to her feet and exclaimed dramatically: "I see three large letters."

THE DISTRICT JUDGESHIP.

An Appointment Likely to Be Made Early in the Present Week.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A gentleman who has been giving somewhat close attention to the matter of the District Judgeship said to-night that he felt assured that the appointment would be made early this week, and that the successful candidate would be either Reed, of Pittsburg, or Buffington, of Kittanning.

Both are urged with such strong and widespread influence, and both are so well fitted for the position, that the President and Attorney General find it difficult to make a choice.

TRAINS SNOW-BOUND.

MANY PASSENGERS BLOCKED IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION.

A Genuine Blizzard Is Working Its Will Through a Large Section of the West—Reports From the Various Points Affected.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

CHEYENNE, WYO., Feb. 8.—Six Union Pacific mail, passenger and express trains are blocked by a blizzard at Cheyenne, Three, Neb., and intermediate stations. Three of them with 400 travelers are on side tracks here. The storm, which is a characteristic howling blizzard, opened at 1 o'clock last night and continued furiously for 17 hours.

Snow is piled up, packed and crusted. The wind was sharp and the temperature below zero. Severe range losses are predicted, but it is doubtful if much stock will be saved. The blizzard is a characteristic howling blizzard, opened at 1 o'clock last night and continued furiously for 17 hours.

There is not a little distress in towns along the roads. Only the strongest men have dared to face the storm to-day. A snow-bucking outfit of 300 men and seven locomotives were sent out to-day, and left for the East at 7 o'clock this morning.

THE WIRES KNOCKED OUT.

Heavy Snow Causes Great Damage in Western New York.

A TUBES, Feb. 8.—A violent snow storm set in about 3 o'clock yesterday and continued without abatement until midnight. The snow was wet and soon loaded trees and wires to such an extent that the telephone and electric wires were going down in all directions, and large numbers of shade and fruit trees were broken down and ruined. The snow was now frozen solidly on the wires, which were in many places an actual measurement of 13 inches in circumference.

Great damage has been done to the large orchards in this vicinity. Falling telegraph, telephone and fire alarm wires coming in contact with electric light and electric railway wires, caused much alarm. The Mayor ordered the electric light and fire alarm wires to be stopped, leaving the city in darkness and without railroad facilities. A broken Western Union wire came in contact with a live electric light wire in the evening set the switchboard in the Western Union office on fire. The flames, however, were extinguished.

IN THE NORTHWEST.

A Blizzard in Minnesota and the Two Dakotas.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 8.—At noon to-day snow began to fall in this city, and there has been the promise of a blizzard during the afternoon. The storm is presently general in the Northwest, although North Dakota seems to have escaped to a considerable extent. A hard storm was reported at Minto, in the northeast portion of that State, last night, but it is not known whether it has reached the Dakotas. A hard storm was reported at Fargo or Bismarck, in South Dakota, last night, but it is not known whether it has reached the Dakotas. A hard storm was reported at Fargo or Bismarck, in South Dakota, last night, but it is not known whether it has reached the Dakotas.

NEBRASKA.

A Blizzard and Big Snow Drifts Over the State.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—The heavy snow storm this morning nearly blocked street car traffic. Reports from all portions of the State show that the storm was very severe. In the northwestern part of the State the blizzard has been raging for 12 hours and people dare not venture away from their homes. In the southern part of the State snow is reported very heavy and drifted from four to ten feet.

Hastings and Nelson to the west report heavy snow and a blizzard is raging and all through trains from the west are delayed. The Denver and Chicago express on the Burlington, coming in five hours late. Reports indicate a worse blockade on the Elkhorn road.

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IS STILL A MYSTERY.
The Disappearance of Little Wright Sexton Not Yet Solved.
A SECOND CHARLEY ROSS CASE.
Canton's Scheme to Fake Money From the County Treasury.
CHURCH DEDICATED BY BISHOP PHELAN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

YOUNGSTOWN, Feb. 8.—The mysterious disappearance of Wright Sexton, aged 13, son of Squire James Sexton, a wealthy farmer living six miles east of here, bids to be a repetition of the Charley Ross case. On December 15 he started to go a few hundred yards on an errand for his father, and disappeared as though the ground had opened and swallowed him. By reason of paralysis the lad was crippled on his right side so that walking was difficult, and it was impossible for him to climb a fence.

An hour later it was found he had not returned, and the neighborhood was aroused to search for the crippled lad. All through the night the search was continued, but the entire eastern part of the county joining with the parents in the effort to obtain a clue. It was found he had wandered as far as a fence a mile from home, and here the trail ended.

Mr. Sexton has offered rewards and used all means that money could command to find the lad, but without success, and both he and his wife are nearly broken. Mr. Sexton has traveled hundreds of miles, bearing that a boy answering his description had been found, but only to be disappointed. There is no suspicion of kidnapping, and his condition precludes the theory that he could have walked very far.

NORTH BRADDOCK'S SEWERAGE.

The Board of Health to Examine an Unhealthy Locality.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

BRADDOCK, Feb. 8.—A fact has been brought to light at Braddock, which is, from a sanitary point of view, very interesting to the residents of North Braddock and vicinity. The township of Braddock lies on a hillside above the borough, and for years the rain storms have brought floods of water and mud down into the borough, much to the disgust of the citizens. Numerous complaints had the effect of causing the township authorities to take some steps toward remedying the matter, and to this end a sort of sewer was improvised, part pipe, part cut, and the most of it open. There were two lines of this, and both of them running through gullies in the land which were natural drains, and finally both of them were blocked by the borough sewer without the permission of the borough authorities.

The residents of the township, and particularly that part known as North Braddock, have been obliged to pay large sums of money to the borough, and the township is very keenly investigating the matter. The fact that during the past year the main sewer pipes which empty into the river are exposed, the water rarely reaching the height of the sewer, and the result is that the system of pipes are converted into a huge chimney, which, on the opening in the hills of North Braddock, which has never been provided with a gas trap, and out of which is sent the sewer gas, with the exception of all the closets and stables in Braddock, which includes nearly 20,000 people with its surroundings. The Board of Health is to investigate the matter.

HAD FORTY-ONE CHILDREN.

The Family That John Heffner Left When He Died.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

ALLENTOWN, Feb. 8.—The death near this city a few days ago of David Heffner recalls the fact that he was one of the family of 41 children. His father was John Heffner, who died in 1860, and was accidentally killed by the cars in that place six years ago at the age of 69, being at the time in the full of his health. He was a German, in 1816, in 1845 he came to this country, and shortly after he arrived settled in Reading. He was married the first time in 1840 to a young woman of his native land. In eight years they had him the remarkable number of 17 children. The first and second years of their marriage she gave birth to two children, and in the third year she gave birth to three. In the fourth year she gave birth to one child and son afterward died.

Heffner engaged a young woman to look after his household, and in three months later she assumed the robes of a bride, and became Mrs. Heffner No. 2. She bore him two children, and in the next five years added ten more to the family. In 1860, when he was 69, he died, leaving a family of 41 children. His father was John Heffner, who died in 1860, and was accidentally killed by the cars in that place six years ago at the age of 69, being at the time in the full of his health.

CANTON'S SEWER SYSTEM.

The Court Saves the County From a Very Heavy Expense.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

MASSILLON, Feb. 8.—Upon the petition of four taxpayers of this city, Judge Pease last night granted an injunction restraining the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor and Treasurer from paying out any money for the benefit of the sewer system of Canton. The county buildings in Canton have a frontage of 100 feet on the river, and the rate per foot for sewerage is \$1.00. Instead of paying for the sewerage, a committee of the City Council went before the Commissioners and demanded \$10,000 for granting the county the privilege of using the sewerage system, and the county buildings in Canton have a frontage of 100 feet on the river, and the rate per foot for sewerage is \$1.00. Instead of paying for the sewerage, a committee of the City Council went before the Commissioners and